



*The Democratic party of the  
state of New York*

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**WILLIAM R. HILL.** One of the best known Democrats in Syracuse is William R. Hill, who has held the responsible positions of Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Syracuse Water Department and of Chief Engineer to the New York Aqueduct Commission, resigning the office in Syracuse to accept the higher one tendered him by the New York City Board.

Mr. Hill superintended the construction of the Syracuse water works system, and the work was done thoroughly and well. During his many years of service at the head of the Syracuse Water Bureau he was of invaluable service to the city and his work in that department will never be forgotten. In his larger field of work in New York City he showed that he was capable of handling big undertakings, and his resignation as Consulting Engineer to the Aqueduct Commission was accepted with deep regret.

Mr. Hill has always been a loyal Democrat. Many times he has been mentioned in connection with the high office of State Engineer and Surveyor, but he has preferred to remain in private life. He is a public-spirited citizen and wields considerable influence in party affairs. He is a member of the Society of Civil Engineers, of the New England Water Works Commission, Central States Water Works Association and of the American Water Works Association, of which body he has been President.

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**COLONEL EDWARD J. MITCHELL.** An active and strenuous life has been that of Colonel Edward J. Mitchell, one of the prominent Democrats of Westchester County for forty years. His record of party service is a long one, and he has served on every class of local party committees and has been a delegate to party conventions numberless times, including no less than five times to the Democratic State Convention. He has frequently served as convention Chairman and has always been influential in the proceedings.

In 1882 he was elected Alderman of the city of Yonkers and was twice re-elected, serving as President of the board in 1883. He presented the resolutions which secured a grant of the land upon which